

Address by P. Stathoulis, Chairman of the  
Hellenic Community of Alberton at the Annual  
Ball held on Wednesday the 6th May, 1970 -  
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Your Excellency, Mrs. Economides, Your Grace, Your Worship, Mrs. Myburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Steyl, Guests. Another year has gone by and it is with a deep sense of pride and sincerity, that I once again welcome you all to share this evening with us.

Your Excellency, I express gratitude for your co-operation and support of our Community during the past year, as well as for the co-operation of your office. I trust Sir, that the Hellenic Community of Alberton, as a sector of the Greek South African public, undertakes and performs its duties in a manner acceptable to you, and that we enable you to be proud of your association with us.

Your Grace, Archbishop Paul, thank you for again showing your interest in our affairs. Words cannot express our feelings of appreciation for your presence here this evening. A moral debt has emanated because of your help afforded us.

Your Worship, how does one express this sense and feeling of co-operation which exists between you, your Council, offices, and may I say, your Hellenic Community of Alberton.

The manner Sir, in which the Community - whether as a whole or its individual members responds to your asking and the reciprocal manner in which you respond to our request - reflects a sense of co-operation and respect that I am certain Sir, cannot be bettered upon. This can only lead to a Town developing with a contented folk in this country which is made up of so many cultures, creeds, religions and yet - with one goal - the unity and development of South Africa.

Friends, thank you for your support in the past and for coming along this evening. Allow me to assure you, that without your unfailing support, we would not have been able to make any progress whatsoever. Your support, both moral and financial, is one that many an institution is envious of, but we pride ourselves that we have befriended so many people who are portraying a goodwill towards us which is going to be very difficult to reciprocate. But friends, let us reflect our happiness and sense of unity this evening by rejoicing.

Dit is weereens vir my ' besondere voorreg om u almal hier vannaand te verwelkom.

Aan Mnr. & Mev. Jack Steyl - 'n besondere woord van dank vir u teenwoordigheid hier vannaand. Meneer Steyl, in u hoedanigheid as Lid van die Provisiale Raad, wil ons u bedank vir u belangstelling in die Griekse Gemeenskap van Alberton - ons voel besonder trots daarop.

Meneer die Burgemeester - aan u en u raadslede - weereens ons innige dank en opregte dank vir die ywerige samewerking ten alle tye. Ons voel trots en sê dankie vir die manier waarop u en u voorgangers met verskillende geleenthede na ons verwys het as u medeburgers, asook die rol wat ons speel in die ontwikkeling van Alberton.

Meneer Lötter - ons is dankbaar om u hier te hê na u onlangse operasie, ons waardeer dit dat u gekom het onder omstandighede.

Dames en here - dit is vir ons 'n voorreg dat hierdie saal gebruik word deur verskillende organisasies en veral deur die verskillende kerkgenootskappe, skole en die stadsraad. Ons twyfel nie daaraan dat hier reeds 'ngevoel van vriendskap en samewerking ontwikkel het onder die inwoners van Alberton. Dit wys dat tevredenheid gekweek kan word in 'n land met verskillende taalgroepe en kulture en wie se doel is "Eenheid en Vooruitgang" vir Suid Afrika.

Nogmaals baie dankie vir u samewerking en ondersteuning en mag u die aand ten volle geniet.